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The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Supervisors:

**DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS: LOS ANGELES COUNTY
WATERWORKS DISTRICT NO. 29, MALIBU
AWARD OF CONSULTANT SERVICES AGREEMENT FOR DESIGN AND
CONSTRUCTION SUPPORT FOR APPROXIMATELY 1,800 FEET OF
30-INCH HIGH PRESSURE WATER MAIN
(SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT 3)
(3 VOTES)**

SUBJECT

This action is to authorize the Acting Director of Public Works or his designee to negotiate and enter into a consultant services agreement for the design and construction support of approximately 1,800 feet of 30-inch high pressure water main for the Los Angeles County Waterworks District No. 29, Malibu.

**IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD ACTING AS THE GOVERNING BODY
OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY WATERWORKS DISTRICT NO. 29, MALIBU:**

Award and authorize the Acting Director of Public Works or his designee to negotiate and enter into a consultant services agreement with Tetra Tech, Inc., for the design and construction support of approximately 1,800 feet of 30-inch high pressure water main for the Los Angeles County Waterworks District No. 29, Malibu, for a not-to-exceed fee of \$476,300.

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PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

The purpose of the recommended action is to design and provide construction support for approximately 1,800 feet of 30-inch high pressure water main, a precast concrete vault to house a check valve and a pressure-reducing valve for the Los Angeles County Waterworks District No. 29, Malibu (District). The water main and appurtenances are needed to change the point of interconnection between the District and the Metropolitan Water District's (MWD) water systems to a location within the MWD's water systems with higher and more constant pressure than the current location.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

The Countywide Strategic Plan directs that we provide Service Excellence (Goal 1) and Community Services (Goal 6). The relocation of the District's interconnection with MWD's water system will enhance the reliability and delivery of water service to customers and improve the quality of life for the residents of Malibu and the Marina del Rey.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

There will be no impact to the County General Fund. Funding for the consultant services agreement is available in the Fiscal Year 2008-09 Waterworks District No. 29 Accumulative Capital Outlay Fund (N33). The recommended agreement is for an aggregate, not-to-exceed fee of \$476,300, including \$43,300 for unforeseen additional work. Additional work will not be performed without prior written authorization from the Acting Director of Public Works.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

Tetra Tech, Inc., was selected in 2006 following the contracting process set forth below pursuant to the California Government Code, Section 4526, et seq.

The Department of Public Works will complete the negotiation of the agreement, including the fee for services, pursuant to California Government Code, Section 4528.

Tetra Tech, Inc., has demonstrated satisfactory compliance with the County of Los Angeles Code Chapters 2.200 (Child Support Compliance Program) and 2.203 (Contractor Employee Jury Service program).

The agreement will be based on the form included in the 2006 Request for Proposals, which has been reviewed and approved as to form by County Counsel. Additionally, the agreement will contain special provisions requiring Tetra Tech, Inc., to comply with the Safely Surrendered Baby Law and the standard provisions mandated by your Board.

ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION

Award of an agreement is not a project subject to the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) because it can be seen with certainty that the activity will not result in a direct or reasonably foreseeable indirect physical change in the environment in accordance with Public Resources Code, Section 21065, and CEQA Guidelines, Section 15378.

A Notice of Exemption was filed on July 20, 2005, for the construction of the new water main. Since the construction project involves installation of a new pipeline less than one mile in length, it is statutorily exempt pursuant to Section 15282(k) of the CEQA Guidelines.

CONTRACTING PROCESS

Pursuant to the California Government Code, Section 4526, et seq., on August 16, 2006, the Department of Public Works sent out a Request for Proposals to develop a select list of engineering consultants to provide design and inspection services for the construction of drinking water wells and appurtenant facilities. The proposals were sent to 35 firms, advertised on the County's web page, listed on the Office of Small Business website, and placed in several publications. In their selected order, the firms determined to be best qualified were Tetra Tech, Inc., Lee & Ro, Inc., Kennedy/Jenks Consultants, Brockmeier, and CDM.

The firms are assigned work with abridged Requests for Proposals in the selected order. Therefore, the Department of Public Works is recommending the award of the first agreement to Tetra Tech, Inc., the first firm on the list.

Participation by the Community Business Enterprises (CBE) is encouraged through the Department of Public Works' CBE Outreach Program and the requirement that consultants demonstrate their good faith efforts to utilize CBEs. Tetra Tech, Inc., is aware of the Department of Public Works' CBE Outreach Program and their proposed CBE participation is on file with the Department of Public Works.

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IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

This agreement will enable the District to complete the design and construction support of approximately 1,800 feet of 30-inch water main that will enhance the District's water service to its customers by improving the reliability of the water supply and pressure to Malibu and the Marina del Rey areas.

CONCLUSION

Please return two adopted copies of this letter to the Department of Public Works, Waterworks Division.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "William T. Fujioka", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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Chief Executive Officer

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